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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Examiner: W. Bashore  
Richard Humpleman, et al. )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS ) Group Art Unit: 2176  
FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO- )  
TREE BUILDER ) Reply to Office Action  
Application No.: 09/709,781 ) Dated: February 6, 2004  
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Commissioner of Patents  
PO BOX 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated February 6, 2004.

Reexamination and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.